



## IA 136/JOHNSON ST. RECONSTRUCTION UPDATE #1

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June 14, 2024

### PROJECT UPDATE #1

Work on the IA 136/Johnson St. Reconstruction Project has begun. This project is a full reconstruction of IA136/Johnson St. from the southern city limits, to the alley between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. SW. The project will update outdated utilities including sanitary sewer, watermain and storm sewer. The road will then be paved with concrete and striped for one lane in each direction with a center turn lane. Due to the nature of the project, the road needs to be completely shut down to complete the work. The roadway project is a state highway and the majority of the project is funded by the Iowa DOT. Because of this, the project must follow Iowa DOT specifications, rules and guidance on all matters associated with the project. The DOT requires detours for their projects to be hard surface only. Due to this, the posted detour is through Monticello and Scotch Grove. Local residents can use other local roads to get around the closed portion of highway, but those routes cannot be signed as detours for the project since they are gravel. In an attempt to aid in town traffic, the city has made some traffic changes on Buchanan St. SW to allow traffic in both directions to 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. Officers are spending extra time patrolling this area to remind people of the changes with stop signs. Finally, the Medical Associates Clinic parking lot is not a road, and should not be used as a through route.

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Tuesday started by excavating for the new sanitary manhole and removal of the old one at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. intersection. The contractor potholed existing utilities in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. intersection to make sure they knew where everything was before continuing. This is done in hopes of avoiding any damage to existing utilities. By the end of the day, the crew had the new manhole installed.

Wednesday the crew installed approximately 65 LF of 12" PVC sanitary sewer from the new manhole toward the east leg of 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. to tie into the existing sanitary main. After pipe installation, the trench was backfilled with rock and compacted to ensure no settlement occurs.

Thursday the crew began the installation of 8" PVC sanitary sewer from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. manhole to the south towards the next manhole at the 4th Ave. intersection. The crew installed approximately 160lf of pipe and the new manhole, as well as one 65lf service pipe.

Friday the crew started the 12" sanitary main running north out of the new manhole at 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave towards the next new manhole at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. intersection.

As of now, the plan for next week is to continue the installation of 12" PVC sanitary sewer pipe north towards the northern end of the project limits.

For those who live and travel throughout the project corridor on a regular basis, please use caution around the ongoing construction. Midwest, and their subcontractors, may have multiple crews working at any given time.



If you have questions throughout construction, please do not hesitate to contact MSA or Lisa Kotter, the City Administrator.